

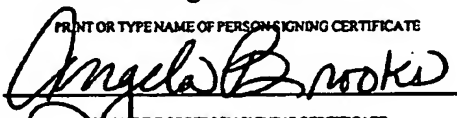


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RESPONSE A

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 13, 2006, please  
reconsider the application in view of the following.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.